

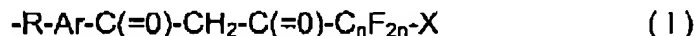
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph.

wherein the fluorescent structural portion is represented by General Formula (I):

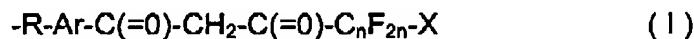


(where R is a residue which is a functional group capable of forming a covalent bond with a protein; Ar is a hydrocarbon group having a conjugated double bond system; n is an integer equal to or greater than 1; and X is a fluorine atom or a group represented by General Formula (II):



Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph.

wherein the fluorescent structural portion is represented by General Formula (I):



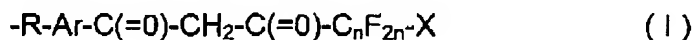
(where R is a residue which is a functional group capable of forming a covalent bond with a protein; Ar is a hydrocarbon group having a conjugated double bond system; n is an integer equal to or greater than 1; and X is a fluorine atom or a group represented by General Formula (II):



Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The fluorescent structural portion of the conjugate of component (d) that is capable of being complexed with a lanthanoid metal ion is a partial structure which be obtained by allowing a corresponding fluorescent compound to react so as to be directly

or indirectly linked via a covalent bond with streptoavidin or avidin. The fluorescent structural portion is represented by General Formula (I) below:



(In the formula, R represents a residue which is a functional group capable of forming a covalent bond with a protein; Ar represents a hydrocarbon group having a conjugated double bond system; n is an integer equal to or greater than 1; and X is a fluorine atom or a group represented by General Formula (II):

